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E.O. 11652: GDS  
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SUBJECT: JORDANIAN-SYRIAN AIR RIGHTS

REF: DAMASCUS 4108

1. ON JULY 3, KING HUSSEIN SAID HE UNDERSTOOD WE  
WERE MAKING EXCEPTIONAL EFFORTS TO SPEED THE  
PROCESSING OF THE JORDANIAN-SYRIAN REQUEST TO  
FLY TO NEW YORK. KING ASKED ME TO CONVEY TO  
THE WHITE HOUSE AND THE PRESIDENT, WHERE HE  
KNEW FINAL DECISION HAD TO BE APPROVED, HIS  
STRONG HOPE THAT FAVORABLE ACTION WOULD BE TAKEN  
IN TIME TO ALLOW ALIA TO FLY ON JULY 11.

2. I INDICATED I WOULD PASS ON HIS STRONG  
FEELINGS ON THE SUBJECT TO THE DEPARTMENT  
AND THE WHITE HOUSE.

3. HE SAID HE WAS ALSO AWARE THAT SYRIANS SEEMED  
TO HAVE GOTTN BOGGED DOWN IN ADMINISTRATIVE  
TANGLES AND RED TAPE IN THEIR OWN EFFORTS TO FLY  
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TO NEW YROK. HE SAID HE WOULD OFFER FULL SUPPORT  
OF JORDANIAN ORGANIZATION TO SYRIANS IN ORDER TO  
GET THEM FLYING AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. HE NOTED  
THAT SYRIANS SEEMED TO BE ABLE TO USE THEIR 747S  
ONLY A FEW HOURS A DAY WHILE HIS OWN WERE GETTING  
UP TO 14 HOURS DAILY BETWEEN FLYING THEIR REGULAR ROUTES  
AND SPECIAL CHARTER SERVICES WHICH HE OFFERED TO

THE GULF STATES.

4. NEVERTHELESS, THE NEW YORK RUN WAS KEY TO THE FUTURE PROGRESS OF ALIA AND HE WANTED TO SEE SERVICE STARTED IN TIME TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE HEAVY TOURIST TRAVEL TO THE MIDDLE EAST IN THE CURRENT SUMMER SEASON.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: I WOULD BE GRATEFUL IF DEPARTMENT WOULD PASS ON WHEN AND AS APPROPRIATE TO WHITE HOUSE KING'S STRONG PERSONAL INTEREST IN EARLY FAVORABLE RESOLUTION OF ISSUE OF ALIA-SYRIAN AIRLINES SERVICE TO U.S. I WOULD BE GRATEFUL ALSO FOR STATUS REPORT FOR KING ON WHERE DECISION NOW STANDS AND WHEN FINAL DECISION MIGHT BE EXPECTED. PICKERING

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